



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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FALL NEWSLETTER

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With the arrival of September, the more relaxed tempo of summer gives way to the quicker rhythms of fall and winter. This certainly applies to our Society. A busy and exciting fall program begins with:

## THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 19th  
Time: 8:00 P. M.  
Place: Friends Meeting House Auditorium  
Lake Street & Friends Avenue

Light Refreshments will be Served

Mr. William W. Hawkins will present his illustrated talk on the wonders of New Jersey's Pine Barrens. Using two projectors, Mr. Hawkins shows a series of magnificent color slides bringing to vivid life many of the unique natural features of the Barrens.

Mr. Hawkins is Mid-Atlantic Zone Director of the Photographic Society of America as well as an interested student and acute observer of nature in its multiple manifestations.

## THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE RESUMES ITS MONTHLY MEETINGS

A small group has been gathering regularly during the summer with Edith Atkinson to cut, embroider and stuff attractive ornaments for the Christmas Craft Shop. You will be hearing more about this holiday shop later.

Beginning Tuesday, September 26th, the entire Woman's Committee will have its first meeting of the Fall under the leadership of its new chairperson, Mrs. Richard (Dot) Sherrerd. The Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. The business session is preceded by a delightful coffee hour. All are welcome to attend meetings and are urged to take part in the discussions.

Among the many programs this active group sponsors is the June Historic Village Fair. The Village Fair has become one of the major events of the spring - eagerly awaited by area residents near and far. This year the Village Fair earned, after all bills were paid, almost \$3,800.00.

Always generous in sharing their funds, the Woman's Committee has voted to make its first gift of the season - the installation of wrought iron railings on the steps leading to the terrace - a practical and thoughtful gift.

#### THE EVENING GROUP BEGINS ITS SEASON

Because of many of the Society's younger members cannot attend morning meetings, an Evening Group was formed. Its purpose is to give younger members an opportunity to develop their interest in local history while at the same time, fostering interest in the Society. New officers, elected in the spring, are Claire Driscoll, Chairperson; Mickey Mack, Program; and Charlesanna Fallstick, Secretary. The first fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27th. Pat Lennon will talk about Haddonfield's Quaker heritage.

In October, the Evening Group plans a festive New Membership party. Present members have been asked to invite their friends to become acquainted with the Society and to encourage them to become members.

#### CANDLELIGHT TOUR

A highlight of the fall season is the Society's annual Candlelight Tour of Haddonfield Homes. Initial plans to have the Tour on Sunday afternoon have been changed, and the Tour will be held Saturday, October 21st, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Robert Mack, chairperson of the 1978 Candlelight Tour, will describe at the September meeting the houses included in the tour and the many new ideas she and the Committee have worked out to assure the success of this year's tour - the 13th - and to make it a completely enjoyable occasion.

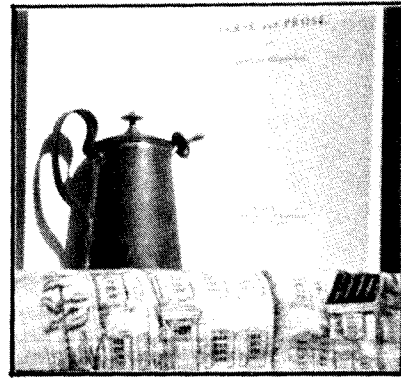
#### UNIQUE GIFTS

The Society receives during a year many gifts, all of which, whether manuscript or articles of furniture, china, crystal linens or clothes help us reconstruct the mosaic of the past. During the summer the Society was given by his nephew, James Wood of Wilmington, DE, a collection of letters, books, diaries and journals which belonged to Benjamin Wood. Members of the

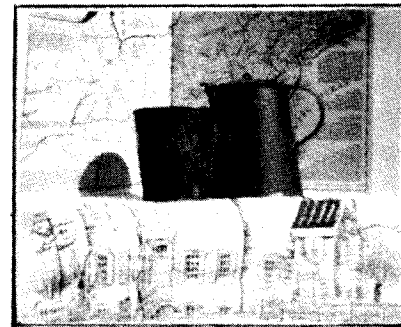
Pennypacker family gave the nursing cup used by James Lane Pennypacker, and Ms. Helen Bartlett gave a tin cup and coffee pot which were carried by Capt. Frederick Bingham during the Revolutionary War.

Society librarian Mrs. Elwood E. Hess will describe more fully at a future meeting the wealth of documentary material in Mr. Wood's gift and how it fits in with the Society's total manuscript holdings. The challenge of delving into the records to try to learn more about Capt. Bingham - where he was born, in what regiment he served and what he did after the war may send someone off on an interesting journey through history.

For these - and all the gifts so carefully preserved and thoughtfully given - the Society is most grateful.



His first cup.



Field coffee service

#### IN MEMORIAM - HOWARD R. KEMBLE

As fall begins with a sense of anticipation, summer ended with sadness: Howard R. Kemble died August 25th.

Howard wanted only the best for this Society, and to that end he gave his time, talent, interest and enthusiasm unselfishly and unstintingly. His interest in history knew no limitations; there was no fact too elusive to pursue, and his energy in compiling his remarkable collection of historic lore was boundless.

We are all the poorer that Howard Kemble is no longer among us, but our lives have been enriched for having known and worked with him.

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

The Historical Society of Haddonfield - or any small historical society for that matter - would be in a most distressed

state if it were not for the number of people who contribute time, thought and talent to managing the Society's affairs. Every man and woman who serves - whether as an officer, a trustee, a committee chairperson, a hostess, a library aid or a committee member - makes a most valuable gift in developing and strengthening the Society's value in the community. The gift of time - large or small - is:

Welcome - The Society needs diversity of expression.

Valuable - Think of the salaries the Society would have to pay for the expertise so freely given.

Appreciated - The Society flourishes in direct proportion to the interest of its members.

The Society is now - and has always been - fortunate to have members who will serve and whose only reward is the satisfaction that comes from service.

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